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General Orders, } Headquarters Department
No. 102. } of Porto Rico,
San Juan, Abril 30th, 1900.

I. In order to facilitate the transfer of the civil duties of the Military Government of Porto Rico to the duly constituted authorities of the Civil Government, and upon the recommendation of the Governor elect, the following named Executive Departments are established:

A Department of States,
A Department of Justice, (as it now exists),
A Treasury Department,
A Department of Audit,
An Interior Department, and
A Department of Education.

II. The chief executive officers for these Departments respectively are designated by titles as follows:

For the Department of State — A Secretary,
“ “ “ Justice — An Attorney General,
“ “ Treasury Department — A Treasurer,
“ “ Department of Audit — An Auditor,
“ “ Interior Department — A Commissioner of the Interior,
“ “ Department of Education — A Commissioner of Education.

III. The following temporary appointments are hereby announced, to take effect this date, the officers to receive the salaries set opposite their names respectively:

Acting Secretary,	N. B. K. Pettingill,	\$4,000.00
Acting Attorney General,	B. F. Odlin,	4,000.00
Acting Treasurer,	L. H. Hollander,	5,000.00
Acting Auditor,	J. R. Garrison,	4,000.00
Acting Commissioner of the Interior,	Cayetano Coll y Toste,	4,000.00
Acting Commissioner of Education,	George G. Groff,	3,000.00

IV. The business of the several executive and administrative offices, bureaus and boards, as now distributed, is assigned as follows:

(a) So much of the duties, responsibilities and records now assigned to the Civil Secretary as relate to diplomatic and consular affairs, concessions and franchises and municipal affairs (excepting financial matters) are transferred to the Department of State.

Financial affairs of municipalities and permits for carrying firearms, with records connected therewith, are assigned to the Treasury Department.

Patents, trade-marks and labels, and records pertaining thereto, are assigned to the Interior Department.

The archives of the Insular Government now in the custody of the Civil Secretary, of date anterior to the American occupation, are assigned to the Department of the Interior.

The employees of the office proper of the Civil Secretary will be distributed and assigned as may hereafter be ordered by the Governor of Porto Rico.

The duties, responsibilities, records and employees of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, except such as relate to public Lands and Forests, are assigned to the Treasury Department, while the records relating to Public Lands and Forests are assigned to the Interior Department.

The duties, responsibilities, records and employees of the Bureau of Agriculture, are assigned to the Interior Department.

The office of Civil Secretary and the Advisory Board on Insular Affairs are hereby discontinued.

(b) The duties, responsibilities records and employees of the office of the Solicitor General and the Judicial Board, are transferred to the Department of Justice, the office of Solicitor General is hereby discontinued, and the present incumbent of the office of Solicitor General will resume his duties as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

The Judicial Board is hereby discontinued.

A Judicial Advisory Board is hereby appointed, for the purpose of considering and reporting upon matters affecting the Judicial matters that may be referred to the Board by the Attorney General:

The following gentlemen, having consented to serve, will compose the Board:

Rafael Nieto Aguile,
Juan Hernandez López,
Manuel F. Rosay,
Hermínio Diaz.

The Attorney General will see that the Board is supplied with necessary office, furniture stationery and clerical assistance.

(c) The Board of Prison Control will hereafter be attached to the Department of Justice, and will report to the Attorney General. The duties of the Board will continue as heretofore. Mr. Geo W. Hale is hereby appointed member, Secretary and Disbursing Officer, with salary of \$1200.00 per annum.

(d) The Treasury Department and Department of Audit will have charge of all the duties and responsibilities that now devolve upon the Treasurer and Auditor respectively, and of such additional duties as are hereby assigned to those Departments.

(e) The duties, responsibilities, records and employees of the Board of Public Works, with duties as now, are transferred to the Department of the Interior, and Mr. Adam Stierle is hereby appointed President of the Board, in place of Captain W. V. Judson, U. S. A. The duties, responsibilities and records of the Inspector of Lights and Buoys are transferred to the Board of Public Works, under the Interior Department.

Mr. Lowell D. Hosmer is hereby appointed Disbursing Officer of the Board, with Salary of \$1500.00 per annum.

(f) The duties, responsibilities records and employees of the Superior Board of Health, with duties as now, are transferred to the Department of the Interior. The Board as reconstituted will consist of the following persons:

The Commissioner of the Interior,
The Commissioner of Education,
Dr. Ricardo M. Hernandez,
Dr. Fidel Guillermet,
Dr. Wm. Faircliff, (Secretary and Treasurer.)

The salary of the Secretary and Treasurer is fixed at \$1800.00 per annum.

(g) So much of the duties, responsibilities, records and employees of the Board of Charities, as do not concern the disbursement of funds which have been allotted by the President for relief purposes, and the distribution of relief supplies procured from said funds, and from private funds donated for relief purposes, and necessary services connected therewith are transferred to the Department of the Interior; and the remaining duties of the Board of Charities, together with appropriate records, are transferred and assigned to Maj. J. Van R. Hoff, Chief Surgeon of the Department of Porto Rico; and Capt. Patrick Egan, Asst Surgeon, U. S. A., is hereby appointed Disbursing Officer of funds which are referred to in this subparagraph.

The Board as reconstituted will consist of the following persons:

Mr. Francis Dumaresque,
The Asst. Superintendent of Education,
Rev. J. de J. Nin,
Mr. Andres Crosas,
Dr. Jose Marañach Echavarría,
Mr. B. H. Osterhout, (Secretary and Treasurer.)

The salary of the Secretary and Treasurer is fixed at \$1500.00 per annum.

(h) The duties, responsibilities, records and employees of the Board of Education, are transferred and assigned to the Department of Education. The Board will act in an advisory capacity to the Commissioner of Education. Dr. Geo. G. Groff is hereby relieved as President of the Board.

Mr. F. F. Bernard is hereby appointed Disbursing Officer of the Board of Education, with salary of \$1500.00 per annum.

(i) The Chief of Insular Police will report directly

to the Governor. Mr. Frank Teichter, Chief of Insular Police, is appointed Disbursing Officer, without additional compensation.

(j) All officers appointed under the provisions of this order will, before entering upon their duties, take oath to faithfully discharge the same.

V. The Budget of the Military Government of Porto Rico for the fiscal year 1899-1900, as published, and the amendments of the same heretofore authorized, together with such further amendments as may be necessary to meet the provisions of this order, will continue to be in force for the remainder of the present fiscal year, or until the Budget may be changed in pursuance of law.

VI. All officers of the Army on the active list, who on this date may be holding civil offices in the Military Government of Porto Rico, are hereby relieved from such duties, and all such Officers, except Collectors of Customs, will at once transfer to their successor who are designated in this order or who maybe designated by proper authority all duties and responsibilities entrusted to them or in their charge.

The Chief Collector of Customs will transfer his duties as such, together with all records of his office, to Mr. Geo W. Whitehead, Special Agent of the Treasury Department, or to the person he may designate.

All Army Officers who on this date are exercising the functions of Collectors of Customs, will at once transfer to the Deputy Collectors at the respective ports, or to such other persons as Mr. Whitehead may designate, all duties, responsibilities, books and records pertaining to their respective offices, and the said Deputy Collectors, or other persons designated as herein provided, are hereby vested with all the power, responsibility and authority of Collectors of Customs, with salaries as now fixed by law for such depues.

Except as relates to the transfer of such duties, it is forbidden for any of the Army Officers referred to, to perform any further civil duties in connection with the Government of Porto Rico. They are hereby placed on special duty at their respective stations, reporting directly to these Headquarters, for the purpose of closing their accounts, and of assisting their successors, unofficially, and advising them, upon invitation, in respect to their new duties.

The provisions of this paragraph do not relate to the acting Assistant Surgeons.

VII. The United States Provisional Court having been abolished by the act of Congress which provided the Civil Government of Porto Rico, the services of all the officers and employees of said Court are hereby dispensed with, except those of the Marshall and one Deputy, whose salaries as such, shall cease, but whose future compensation will be fixed by the Governor.

The records of the Court will, until further orders remain in the custody of Cap't. R. A. Alexander, 11th. Inf'ty. the present Clerk of the Court.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVIS:
WM. E. ALMY,
Acting Adjutant General.

PRESIDENCIA DEL EJECUTIVO.

San Juan, P. R., Mayo 1, 1900.

PROCLAMA DEL GOBERNADOR.

Cumpliendo el deber de "ejecutar fielmente las leyes," impuestome por la Ley del Congreso estableciendo un Gobierno Civil para Puerto-Rico, anúnciase por la presente que interin los funcionarios á que se contrae la citada Ley del Congreso, sean nombrados por el Presidente y confirmados por el Senado, los funcionarios civiles que actualmente ejercen cargos en virtud de nombramiento del Gobernador Militar, continuarán en dichos cargos, desempeñando todas las obligaciones correspondientes á los mismos, hasta la instauración de sus sucesores.

CHAS. H. ALLEN,
Gobernador de Puerto-Rico.